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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/004994		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 05/10/2004	FRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02/11/2004				
TITLE OF IN	TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE COMPRISING A GRIPPING ELEMENT						
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Thomas Baumeister et al							
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